

BULGARIAN MINISTER GREETES PRESIDENT

**Dr. Penateroff Is Received by
Executive at White House
in Washington.**

MESSAGES ARE EXCHANGED.

**Head of Amerloan Nation
Promises Co-operation.**

Dr. Stephen Panateroff, the first Bulgarian minister to the United States, presented his credentials and was formally received by President Wilson at the White House, Washington, last Tuesday. Minister Panateroff said to the President:

"In his great desire to maintain and draw closer the ties of friendship, happily existing between the United States and Bulgaria, His Majesty, the King of the Bulgarians, has deigned to appoint me his representative near the Government of the United States. In the performance of the duties incumbent upon me for the carrying out of this desire of His Majesty, I shall endeavor to acquit myself of my mission in such a way as to win your confidence and merit His Majesty's approbation. With this end in view, I shall highly prize the valuable aid and good will of your Excellency and your Government, which will facilitate my task and help to make my mission a success.

"In handing you, Mr. President, the credentials whereby His Majesty accredits me to you, I have been bidden

to express on his behalf and in behalf of his government, the deep sorrow and sincere sympathy they feel for you in the sad bereavement that has lately befallen you, to assure you of the high esteem His Majesty entertains for your person, and the ardent wishes he cherishes for the progress and prosperity of your great country, as well as for the well-being and happiness of its people."

President Responds.

President Wilson responded:

"The Government of the United States learned with great gratification of the intended action of your Government to emphasize its desire to draw closer the friendly ties existing between the United States and Bulgaria by the establishment of a diplomatic mission at Washington. This gratification was enhanced by the later information which we received that His Majesty, your Sovereign, had selected in your person as the first minister of Bulgaria to the United States a gentleman whose good-will towards the United States was so well known to us. It is, therefore, with sincere satisfaction that I receive from your hands the letters of His Majesty, the King of the Bulgarians, accrediting you in the capacity of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

"I have no doubt that your efforts will be directed towards maintaining and strengthening good relationship between the two countries, and in promoting the interests which are common to both. In the accomplishment of these desirable and beneficial ends I shall be most happy to give you my hearty cooperation.

"I am deeply touched by the condolence you convey to me from your king and your government in the sad affliction which has come upon me, and I highly appreciate His Majesty's sentiments of friendliness and esteem. On behalf of my countrymen, as well as in my own name, I ask you to extend to him best wishes for his personal welfare and for the well-being of the Bulgarian people.

"Trusting that you will find your sojourn at this capitol both interesting and agreeable, I give you a cordial welcome."